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President-Elect Ben-Zvie To Be Inaugurated Today

30-Day Mourning Period Ends

The close of the 30-day mourning period for Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, was marked last night by a brief memorial service in the Yeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem. The Chief Rabbinate conducted the service which was attended by Prime Minister Ben Gurion, Cabinet members, Supreme Court Judges, members of the Knesset and representatives of all national institutions.

"He was more than a monarch in Israel," declared Chief Rabbi I.H. Herzog, "for he did not inherit a crown like other kings; he helped create the State which crowned him its first president."

Dr. Herzog ended by extolling Dr. Weizmann as a man of science, exact and objective, yet nevertheless inspired by a passion for the revival of an ideal. It was this combination of excellence in two fields, complementary and mutually pursuing the same goal, which forced us to say, "there can be no one like him, even if there are greater men than Weizmann."

After a psalm had been chanted, Chief Rabbi B.Z. Uziel eulogised the late President and recited prayers.

Prof. Moshe Weizmann, a brother, said the *kaddish*, and the solemnities were concluded with a prayer for peace in Israel, ingathering of the exiles, and wisdom and strength for leaders of the State.

Rehovot Meeting

A large crowd filled the Bet Ha'am at Rehovot last night to pay tribute to the late President as the 30-mourning period ended. Mrs. Vera Weizmann, members of the family and the staff of the Weizmann Institute attended the gathering.

A large portrait of the late President, flanked by two candles and an honour guard of Rehovot youth, occupied the stage.

Prof. Aharon Kachalski, of the Weizmann Institute, Mr. Moshe Smilansky and the Mayor of Rehovot addressed the assembly.

The road leading to the residence of the late President was named "First President Road" at a ceremony attended by Mrs. Weizmann, town notables and 3,000 school children earlier.

Mayor B. Horowitz handed Mrs. Weizmann the Municipal Council's decision to name the street after Dr. Weizmann. One of Rehovot's oldest residents, Mr. A.I. Levkovitz, unveiled the street sign.

In Petah Tikva, the four sections of the streets which touch on "Gan Hameyasdim" were named after the late President.

Mr. Avraham Shapira, veteran resident of the town, unveiled the name plate of the new street. Mayor P. Rashish recalled that the grounds of the garden were the first purchased in the old settlement 75 years ago and it was therefore befitting that they should bear the late President's name.

An exhibition of documents and photographs connected with Dr. Weizmann is to be opened at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Central Zionist Archives in Rehov Ibn Gabirol in Jerusalem.

(Weizmann Creed—P. 4)

Shofar To Be Blown In Knesset Chamber

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie will take the pledge of office in a Knesset ceremony this morning.

Before the inauguration ceremony, a delegation of Knesset Members will call at the home of the President-elect to convey greetings and invite him to the ceremony. Mr. Ben-Zvie will reply.

All the members and the invited guests are to be in their places when Mr. Ben-Zvie reaches the Knesset at 11 o'clock, accompanied by the Chief of Protocol and a military aide-de-camp, and escorted by mounted police and police motorcycle outriders. The Knesset Sergeant-at-Arms is to receive the President and conduct him to the building. Two ram's horns will be sounded before Mr. Ben-Zvie enters the chamber and the assembly will rise.

Mr. Ben-Zvie will then enter the chamber and take a seat to the right of the Speaker. The pledge of office will be read by the Speaker. Mr. Ben-Zvie will accept the scroll, take the pledge with his right hand raised, sign the scroll and return it to the Speaker.

21-Gun Salute

The President's Standard will then be raised over the Knesset Building and there will be a 21-gun salute which will be heard in the House.

The President will address the Knesset, and the Speaker will convey greetings.

As Mr. Ben-Zvie leaves the building, Army trumpeters will sound a fanfare. The President will then review a parade of soldiers and police and the police band will play.

Projectors were installed in the House yesterday in preparation for the ceremony. Police also rehearsed their part in the ceremony.

After the inauguration ceremony, President Ben-Zvie will be escorted by motorcycle and mounted police escorts to the Jerusalem Municipality where he will be made a Freeman of the Capital at noon.

A special Sabbath service in honour of the President-elect will be held at the Rehavia Synagogue, where Mr. Ben-Zvie attends.

With Mr. Y. Ben-Zvie's elevation to the Presidency, Mapai will have a vacant seat in the Knesset. Mr. Yaakov Nitzani is next in the line of Mapai candidates.

(Interview with President—P. [illegible])

Wishes Pour in From Israel and Abroad

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie, the President-elect, spent most of yesterday, the last hours before his installation in office this morning, receiving visits of congratulation in his Jerusalem flat. After going to his office as usual, where he was engaged on a new book of memoirs, Mr. Ben-Zvie was recalled to welcome the Mayor of Jerusalem and Municipal Councillors who had come to inform him of their decision to make him a Freeman of the Capital.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Foreign Minister, paid an early-morning call, and was followed by representatives of the President's Office and the Prime Minister's Office; the President of Hadassah, Mrs. R. Rosensohn, and a continuous stream of friends, family and old-timers who had come to Jerusalem.

The Ben-Zvie's tiny entrance-hall was given over to filing the 600 telegrams sent to the "President's House" from well-wishers in Israel and abroad. Settlements and Town-Councils joined the Labour Zionist Organisations of Canada and the United States in congratulating the veteran labour leader and founder of Poalei Zion. Lord Samuel cabled "heartiest greetings" from London, as did another old friend, Mr. Israel Sieff.

Mapam Retracts Insult to Nurock

Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda, the Mapam whip in the Knesset, wrote to Rabbi Mordecai Nurock yesterday to say that no personal affront was intended when they described the coalition backing his election for President as a "burgeois, clerical and Jewish *fascist*" alliance.

Mr. Bar Yehuda said that most, if not all, Mapam members appreciated his record in defence of democracy in the Knesset and for peace.

'Ben-Zvie Wore Tarbush,' Radio Damascus Notes

Radio Damascus, in its Hebrew transmission yesterday, described President-elect Ben-Zvie as a person well-acquainted with the Middle East and its Arab inhabitants. The commentator expressed his hope that Mr. Ben-Zvie would realise that the Jews "could not live for long amid an ocean of Arab hatred."

Announcing the election news, the Damascus Hebrew voice, remarked that like Eliezer Ben Yehuda, Mr. Ben-Zvie had been among the old-timers who in Turkish times had adopted the tarbush.

Among the first to broadcast the news of Mr. Ben-Zvie's election was the British-controlled NEABS station in Cyprus which went on the air with the item at 8.30 on Monday night, simultaneously with Kol Yisrael. In addition to the election results the station devoted several minutes to a biography of the new President.

Knesset Passes Pension For Mrs. Weizmann

A bill providing for a tax-free life pension to Dr. Vera Weizmann, widow of the first President, and exempting the late President's estate from the Inheritance Tax, passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. The pension will be equal to a Cabinet Minister's salary.

The only opposition came from Herut whose spokesman, Dr. Benyamin Avniel, favoured the pension but opposed exemption from the Inheritance Tax.

Lebanese Boat Detained

A Lebanese boat, the "Na'emet Karim," and its six crew members, was detained on December 1 in Israel territorial waters, an Army spokesman announced yesterday.

The ship, which was numbered T-4, was en route to Beirut from Alexandria with a cargo of salt. The investigation is continuing.

Many Basic Building Materials Decontrolled

Rationing and price controls on many basic building materials were lifted yesterday, a Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. Not included in the list are cement, iron, timber, asbestos and galvanized tin.

Among the items decontrolled were: silicate and burned bricks, burned lime plaster, cement and mosaic tiles and panels, asbestos pipes, ceramic tiles, door handles, locks, faucets, electric cable tubes, boxes, switches and fuses.

Steel pipes, binding wire and nails are to be derationed but price controls will remain, it was said.

The spokesman added that the Ministry's decision to decontrol these commodities is due to the "changes which took place within the scope of building" and the increase of local stocks.

Poalei Agudat Israel Against Joining Gov't

The Poalei Agudat Yisrael party informed Prime Minister David Ben Gurion late Monday night that they were revoking their decision to return to the Government.

Earlier the two representatives of the party in the Knesset, and a number of other party leaders, decided upon this course under strong pressure from the party's ecclesiastical leaders expressed in the form of an "ultimatum".

Jordan M.P.s to Debate Relations with U.K.

The Jordan parliament decided yesterday, against the wishes of the government, to debate next week relations with Britain, including the Anglo-Jordan Treaty and British control of the Arab Legion.

The Palestine Arab opposition bloc managed to secure the support of enough Jordan votes to defeat the government on the issue which it regarded as vital.

The House also decided to protest strongly to Britain against her "hostile" attitude during the U.N. Palestine debate. They described it as a severe violation of traditional Anglo-Arab friendship and a "new act of treachery."

Leaders Exiled

In reply to opposition charges, the Premier, Abu'l Huda, admitted that three Palestinian leaders had been exiled for their part in the Old City demonstrations last month. This was the first admission from Jordan that riots against the government had occurred in Jerusalem.

The Premier also admitted that four Jordan leaders had been expelled as "dangerous to the security of the state."

Column One
by
David Courtney

THIS morning Mr. Ben-Zvie will become His Excellency the President. The high office had been grandly filled. Now it will be simply and honourably filled; and that, too, is creditable to Israel. The occasion of the President's election was not as worthy as it might have been but was happier than was expected. Zionism is thicker than water and the vote that made the difference was a national vote, which did honour to those who cast it, and which sharply emphasised the contrasting partisanship of some of those from whom better had been hoped.

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POLITICS in the party sense are easy to learn, especially when encouraged by a political and electoral system designed to satisfy a multiplicity of separate and usually narrow interests. In the national sense they pose a hard lesson which takes a long time to learn. The second Presidential election in Israel suggests that the lesson has not been sufficiently learned here, although the dramatic vote in the third ballot gave promise from a quarter not lately thought of as promising. Mapam will not be regarded by its rivals in the Labour movement as having absolved itself of its recent sins by Monday night's conspicuous act of virtue; but it was an act of national responsibility.

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RUMOURS have been put about to the effect that the Premier's anger with sections of the Orthodox religious group forming part of the coalition Government, for what he evidently regards as their disloyalty in the presidential voting, is still sharp and may be allowed to tip the coalition out of its precarious balance. There can be no doubt that the peculiar behaviour of some of the religious parties would try the patience of a less temperamental man than Mr. Ben Gurion, whose profound respect for the genuine spirit and tradition of Judaism may be fighting a losing battle with his anti-clericalist principles. It would seem unwise of the religious parties to feel militantly self-assured at this moment, and particularly unwise of them to risk a general election. In the clear nature of the State's development it is they who [illegible] give to the measure of national coalition if they desire to have direct legislative influence.

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THERE may be nothing in the rumours of crisis and of probable general elections. One hopes so. The country is hard-pressed economically and not yet as socially stable as it hopes to be. It is surrounded by unfriendly countries where governments disintegrate overnight and dictators rise up in a mood for adventure. It is approaching the decisive problem of the performance of the German reparations agreement and has before it, for what it is worth, a U.N. resolution that breaks new and significant ground. It is probably true that this combination of critical circumstances requires a strong government unhampered by the tedious bickering and wranglings of dubious allies. There seems little reason to suppose that a general election would provide such a government; and every reason to suppose that it would intensify partisan bitterness, public confusion and international doubt.

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THE naughtiness of the Presidential election is over and the good remains. A dutiful and conscientious Israeli Zionist will today formally step to the highest place in the nation's gift. The occasion may be one for rubbing out old scores and is certainly one for pondering the responsibilities of public office. The Knesset, and the political parties that occupy its benches, owe their validity to the simple fact that they are an expression of the national will and purpose. It is not the national will and purpose that political parties and groups should lose their distinction; but unless there is an overriding sense of national responsibility, and willingness to recognise that the interests of the majority of the people are more compelling than sectional interests, the distinctions must lose all justification and be accounted detrimental to good government.

Jerusalem, Dec. 9.

SCHACHT IN DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Hjalmar Schacht, the Nazi Finance Minister, arrived here today to study Syria's financial situation at the invitation of the Government.

He will also study the undertaking of big projects, the construction of a railway linking Latakia harbour with the interior, and drainage of swamp areas.

Syria is relying on a loan from the International Bank to finance these projects.

Norway Proposes U.N. Should Drop Palestine Item

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday. — Moves were made today to have the whole Palestine question withdrawn from the United Nations.

Mr. Finn Moe, Norway, one of the sponsors of the eight-power resolution calling on Jews and Arabs to open direct negotiations, bearing in mind previous U.N. resolutions, told the Special Political Committee today that his group wanted to remain neutral on the issue.

He was referring to a move to withdraw the resolution because it had not received the support of the Arabs and of Israel.

Therefore, Mr. Moe added, it would be better if the Assembly decided in plenary session whether the Palestine item should be struck from the Agenda.

Fadhil Jamali, Iraqi Foreign Minister, declared that the eight-power plan was "utterly unacceptable" to the Arabs. It would be better to have no resolution, he said, and leave the P.C.C. to continue its work than to adopt an "ambiguous" resolution. He appealed for the withdrawal of the plan.

Mr. Abba Eban protested that the Arab states had opposed the 1947 and 1948 resolutions on Palestine and it would be a fantastic situation if the Committee were prevented from taking action because of the Iraqi delegate's objections.

The Committee adjourned without voting to permit delegations to try again to work out a compromise. This is the third adjournment for this purpose during the present debate.

A second resolution before the Committee was sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Persia, urging direct talks on the basis of previous U.N. resolutions. This is acceptable to the Arabs.

The eight-power resolution had the express support of 13 powers and seemed certain of a large majority.

M. Andre Vishinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, sailed for home today without the usual formal farewell. He said the General Assembly had shown itself "unsatisfactory as an instrument for peace." *(AP, Reuter).*

Nagib Names Cabinet, Speeds Sudan Talks

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Nagib talked for three hours with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, this afternoon, on the Sudan, after swearing in members of his new cabinet.

A joint communique issued after the meeting said that the talks were being speeded up so that Sudanese elections prior to self rule can be held with the minimum of delay.

A large measure of agreement was reached between the Egyptian and British views it was said, and the points of difference have been reduced.

New Foreign Minister

The new Egyptian cabinet announced today is composed mainly of technicians appointed to carry out Nagib's agrarian and industrial reforms.

Apart from the new Foreign Minister, Mahmud Fawzi, former chief Egyptian delegate to the U.N. and now Ambassador to Britain, all the members of the cabinet are comparatively unknown. Fawzi was, in the days of the Mandate, Egyptian Consul General in Jerusalem.

The UNESCO representative in Egypt, Abbas Amar, becomes Minister of National Direction in place of Fathy Radwan who continues as Minister of State.

Other new cabinet members are: Abdel Razek Sidky, Minister of Agriculture; William Selim Hanna (a non-Moslem) Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, in place of Abdel Aziz Aly who becomes Court Minister; Mahmoud Sabry Mansour, Minister of Supply; Bahgat Hilmy Badawi, Minister of Commerce.

Before the government changes were announced an official spokesman said that Nagib was striving to coordinate and unite the efforts of all political leaders to secure "early evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal zone."

On the U.N. Palestine debate, the government spokesman said "Egypt will not open negotiations with Israel to find a basis for a peace treaty. Egyptian policy towards Israel is still the same."

It had been thought that recent talks between Nagib and Mustapha Nahas, the Wafdist leader would have brought about a modus vivendi between them. Instead, Nahas announced last night that he would resume active leadership of his party in spite of the government's having forced him to quit the post last month.

PINAY WINS MAJORITY

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — French Premier Antoine Pinay tonight won a narrow victory in his budget battle when the National Assembly decided by [illegible] votes to 291 to start a clause-by-clause debate on the government finance bill.

Churchill, Eden to Visit Ike Early Next Year

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — Plans for a visit by Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden to Washington early in the new year are now being completed, it is reliably learned. They will be authorised to speak for the whole Commonwealth. In fact, the Commonwealth Economic conference now drawing to its close here turns out to have been largely a preparatory move for what are regarded as crucial Washington talks.

The Commonwealth Premiers have agreed on a common programme necessitating massive American investment in raising food and raw material production to ease the Commonwealth's dollar shortage.

The programme will be backed by assurances to American investors and by an implied promise that its success would relieve American taxpayers of the burden of supporting ailing countries abroad.

A Commonwealth Development Corporation to which private investors here and elsewhere may subscribe, is also foreseen. Other funds will be raised from the World Bank.

Flexible £ Remote

The convertibility of Sterling is now described as an aim dependent on the success of this development programme. There are still observers who predict that flexible exchange rates will be introduced within six months and that Sterling will be allowed to find its own level, but their number is diminishing. At most there is a chance of some such innovation if Washington is prepared to back it by an unusually large stabilisation loan.

In preparation for this complete overhauling of economic relations between the Commonwealth and America, the decks are being cleared of minor contentious issues such as the long-standing dispute over the status of the British Naval Commander in the Mediterranean. The compromise under which Admiral Lord Mountbatten will rank jointly with Admiral Carney but be subordinate to Paris H.Q. of NATO evoked only moderate enthusiasm here, but there has been no outcry.

The same applies to Washington's ambiguous attitude towards private American firms willing to import Persian oil and face possible court proceedings. Rumours that the assets of Anglo-Iranian are to be transferred wholesale to American interests against the payment of a large lump sum are denied. Nonetheless there is a feeling that some new development is in sight.

French Army Keeps North Africa Quiet

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Massed French troops prevented riots in Morocco today and the capital was quiet. Fresh disturbances are likely but French authorities consider that no large outbreak will occur.

In Tunisia no troubles have occurred since Sunday and the night curfew has been lifted. Two Tunisians were sentenced to death today by a military court for an attack on a village last May in which a bus was destroyed and telephone lines cut.

The international zone of Tangier has also been quiet although bazaars buzzed with rumours of the Moroccan riots.

Troops Flown In

Troops were flown into Morocco today to reinforce the tanks and armoured cars which patrolled the streets all day. In yesterday's anti-French rioting 31 persons were killed. During last night just a few shots were fired. Some reports say 2,000 persons have been arrested.

Strong details of troops and armed police surrounded the shanty town of Carrieres Centrales where most of the disturbances took place. Other units, including marine commandos, were kept in reserve in the European quarters.

The French Resident-General has returned to Rabat after touring Casablanca today. Before his departure for Casablanca this morning he told members of the Consultative Government Council, "I am now leaving to open an enquiry. The people who are really responsible are those who maintain agitation among the Moroccan population."

Koje Prisoner Killed; Battle Fronts Quiet

TOKYO, Tuesday, (Reuter) — U.N. guards at a Koje prisoner-of-war camp killed one man attempting to escape last Sunday and critically injured another "for being in a restricted area of the compound," the U.N. Command said today.

Fighting has been almost at a standstill on the Korean front for the past few days but aerial activity has increased, with many dog-fights taking place.

Over 1,000 sorties were flown today. Communist communications and supply centres were heavily blasted, the U.S. Air Force announced.

IKE SAID TO BACK U.K. ON IRAN OIL

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — A qualified British informant disclosed today that President-elect Eisenhower told Britain he deplored attempts by American oilmen to crash the Iran oil market.

In a special message to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Mr. Eisenhower was said to have pledged full American support for Britain in its dispute with Iran.

Mr. Eden received Mr. Eisenhower's message orally last month when he met Mr. John Foster Dulles, incoming American Secretary of State, in New York, the informant said.

'Not a Drought, Only Delay in Rain'

We are now suffering a "delay in rain" and not a drought, Mr. A. Gur, Head of the Horticultural Department, and Mr. A. Amir, head of the Field Crop Department, of the Ministry of Agriculture, yesterday.

Mr. Gur said the delay has not caused any damage so far to fruit crops, although production expenses have increased due to irrigation costs. The 120,000 dunams of citrus will require by the end of December an additional 80 cubic metres of water a dunam. The Mediterranean Sea fly, which attacks the fruit, has increased considerably, it was said. Of the 14,000 dunams of bananas, about 3,000 dunams are affected and will need an additional 100 cubic metres of water a dunam.

Mr. Amir pointed out that only about 15 to 20 mms. of rain have fallen in the Rehovot-Faluja area, the central and northern Emek and in some parts of the southern Galilee. This was sufficient to germinate the seeds, but not enough to permit their growth in the dry spell which followed.

It was therefore necessary to plough and re-sow about 5,000 dunams of crops at a cost of IL.3 a dunam. The affected area, however, is increasing daily and may reach 10,000 dunams. About 1,200,000 dunams are planted with field crops this year.

The Meteorological Service believes that the total rainfall this year may be about 25 per cent below normal, Mr. Amir said, however, that this will not necessarily affect output, since the important factor is not the total amount, but the proper distribution of rainfall.

Vegetables have not been affected at all. Some farmers believe that the delay in rain may result in a better than average crop since their areas are irrigated and benefit from the hot weather. Increased output will more than balance increased irrigation costs.

The total area of irrigated winter vegetable crops this year is 54,000 dunams as compared to 42,000 dunams last year.

LONDON'S WORST FOG LIFTS

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Life in London returned to normal today after four days of the thickest fog within living memory. Patches of fog and icy roads were still causing difficulties on the outskirts but the sun was shining in Central London.

The cross-Channel steamer, Canterbury, docked at Calais 15 hours late today. The crossing usually takes 80 minutes.

Egypt, Jordan Sizzle In Heat Wave

The worst heat wave since 1906 is sweeping Egypt, the Arab News Agency reports. In the Old City and throughout Jordan, Imams have been asked to conduct special prayers for rain, "A-Difa," the Old City daily, reports. The winter crops face ruin, it was said.

Poles Parrot Czechs, Ask Kubovy Recall

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Polish Government today informed the Israel Chargé d'Affaires in Warsaw, Mr. [illegible], that Dr. Y. Kubovy, Israel Minister to Poland, was considered persona non grata. The Israel Government was requested to arrange for his withdrawal.

Dr. Kubovy, who is at present in Israel after reporting to the Government on the Prague trial, was last week declared persona non grata by the Czechoslovak authorities, to whom he had also been accredited as Israel's Minister.

Trial 'Justifies' Yugoslav Stand

By A Special Correspondent

BELGRADE, Tuesday. — Yugoslav government leaders see in the Prague trial a complete justification for their own policy of breaking away from the Cominform, according to informed quarters here. The trial, they say, has vividly illustrated the despotism of the East European leaders and the Soviet exploitation of its satellite countries. The complete disregard for human rights east of the Iron Curtain has also been brought out by the court proceedings.

Informed quarters here have placed special stress on the anti-Semitic trend of the trial, taking this as proof of Yugoslav contentions that the Kremlin is now adopting an anti-Semitic policy, one of the aims of which is to win over the support of the Arabs and to prevent the establishment of any Western Middle East defence system.

Comment of the man-in-the-street in Yougoslavia appears to be, "It's good we broke with the Cominform if this is the way things are going."

Rumanian Chief Rabbi Attacks Israel

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, last night accused Zionists of conspiring with "the Fascist Anglo-American imperialists to spread the abominable lie that the Peoples Democracies were pursuing an anti-Semitic policy."

Bucharest Radio broadcast a speech by Rabbi Rosen to the National Conference of "Peace Partisans" in Bucharest in which he said Israel was a menace to the peace of working-class Jews who were "determined to intensify their struggle against the nationalist creed of Zionism".

Coveting Arab Oil

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — The recent Czech trial was part of a long-range anti-Semitic plan of the Russians to win control of Middle East oil, Rear-Admiral Harold Miller (Rtd.) said here on Sunday.

Admiral Miller, who heads Radio Free Europe, said "Russia's anti-Semitism is a policy of making love to the Moslems" in an effort to take their oilfields.

NECAS IN EXILE IN MIDDLE EAST

Frantisek Necas, the former Czechoslovak Consul in Jerusalem who disappeared mysteriously last February when he was suddenly recalled to Prague, is now living "somewhere in the Middle East," it was learned yesterday.

Persons close to the ex-Consul stated that Necas, who will not be interviewed, is remaining in exile as a political refugee because "at his advanced age he wishes to live quietly without exciting the emotions, which is done only too frequently behind the Iron Curtain." Necas is 60.

Necas likes Oriental life, his friends say. He served as Deputy Minister of the Czechoslovak Legation in Cairo for more than ten years, and was later Deputy Minister at Teheran before being appointed to Jerusalem, where he served until his disappearance. *(AP)*

Immigration from U.S. Ebbing

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The view that immigration of American Jews to Israel was insufficient and at its lowest ebb now, and that this was detrimental to both the State and U.S. Jewry was expressed at the opening session of the second Annual Convention of the America Immigrants' Association at Z.O.A. House here tonight. Mr. Shmuel Ben Dor, director of the U.S. Division of the Foreign Ministry, represented Foreign Minister Sharett who was unable to attend.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, concurred with Mr. Ben Dor, but asserted that something approximating life in the U.S. ought to be offered here for immigrants. He spoke of the forthcoming housing project on a rental basis which would be constructed for Anglo-Saxon immigrants, and the Jewish Agency hostels with a total of 200 beds in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, [illegible] and Bat Yam for future newcomers.

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Social & Personal

The reception tomorrow to mark the twentieth anniversary of The Jerusalem POST, will be held at the King David, and not at the Editor's house.

Members of the Zionist General Council who left Israel yesterday, after attending the recent Council sessions in Jerusalem, included: Mr. M. Jahrblum (by El Al); Mr. A. L. Gellman (by Air France), and Rabbi M. Kirschblum (by KLM).

Prof. L. F. Rushbrook-Williams, of the London "Times," yesterday spent part of the day in the Old City, where he saw Mr. Stewart Perowne, a former member of the Palestine Administration and at present engaged in Arab refugee welfare work. The visitor later was received by the Prime Minister, called on Dr. Joseph and Mr. Lavon, and was entertained to dinner by Mr. Locker. In the evening, he visited the offices of The Jerusalem POST for a conversation with the Editor.

Mr. A. Mitchell, active Bond Drive and U.J.A. worker in Los Angeles, arrived by Air France yesterday for a short visit. Aboard the plane was Dr. L. Samuel, economic adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, who returned from Rome after consultations with FAO officials.

Mr. A. Moisis, Honorary Consul of Israel in Athens, returned to Greece by Swissair yesterday after a short visit to Israel.

Dr. D. W. Senator, Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, is to address the Haifa Rotary Club today on "The Hebrew University as part of the Country's Educational System."

Dr. Haim Vardi has been appointed President of the Haganah Lodge (Jerusalem) of B'nai B'rith, and Mr. S.F. Doron Monitor. The new Vice-Presidents are Dr. M. Sternberg, Mr. A. Levontin and Judge M. Golan, while Mr. Y. Rischin is Secretary of the Lodge.

A recital by the well-known Negro singer, Ellabelle Davis, accompanied by Frank Pelleg, will take place at 9 tonight at the Edison Hall, Jerusalem.

Prof. M. Z. Segal will speak on "The Wisdom of Ben Sirah" at 7.30 tonight at Terra Sancta in Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Israel Society for Biblical Research.

Mr. Michael Comay, of the Foreign Ministry, has returned to Tel Aviv from sick leave in South Africa, his former home.

Prof. Yahuda Reburial In J'lem Tomorrow

The remains of Professor A. S. Yahuda will be burried in Jerusalem tomorrow after memorial services in Haifa, Tel Aviv and the Capital.

The coffin, is now abroad ship in Haifa port after being brought from New York. Arriving in Jerusalem at two o'clock, the burial party will move first through the Even Yisrael quarter, where Prof. Yahuda was born, then to the Knesset where Prof. Benzion Dinaburg, Minister of Education, will pay tribute to the deceased on behalf of the Government. A brief ceremony will be held in Yeshurun Synagogue.

Burial will be at the Givat Shaul cemetery, in the Har Menuhat quarter, beside the remains of Perets Smolenskin.

'Human Rights Day' Celebrated Today

The fourth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights is being celebrated today throughout the world.

A Hebrew translation of the Declaration has been published by the U.N. at Lake Success and has been distributed to all educational and cultural institutions in Israel. Explanatory talks on Human Rights Day are to be held today in all schools.

In Jerusalem, an exhibition on "Education and Peace" is to be opened today in the Artists' House.

A LOCAL Government Institute was opened in Haifa by the Municipality's cultural department yesterday.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Ben-Zvie Election Seen As Important Achievement for Israel

The election of Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie as Israel's second President at an early stage of the polling and the avoidance of an undignified deadlock thanks to Mapam's surprise move is hailed by "Ha'aretz" (Independent) as an important achievement of Israel's parliamentary system. The paper expresses its confidence that the President-elect will not act the partyman and fulfil his high task as the representative of the whole nation, as he did the Yishuv's National Council during the Mandate.

"Ha'aretz" notes that some uneasiness is felt in Mapai circles that their candidate has been chosen with the support of Mapam whose help they had not asked for at all. Even if Mapam's step was dictated by purely tactical considerations as a counter-move to Mapai's campaign after the Prague trial, it might nevertheless be important as an indication of a rift with the Cominform-affiliated C.P., the paper says. The religious parties and the General Zionists should ponder, if by forming the "Nurock Bloc" together with Herut they did not help to bring about on this occasion a united front of all Socialist labour parties.

"Davar" (Histadrut) also expresses satisfaction that a deadlock was avoided and that Mapam, after casting its vote for a non-labour candidate in the two first polls, joined the Histadrut majority and voted for a representative of the workers' class of which Mapam is part and parcel. It criticises the two Orthodox coalition groups (Hapoel Hamizrahi and Mizrahi) for their attempt to form a "counter-coalition" against the major coalition party.

Mizrahi Lauds Ben-Zvie

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi), while emphasizing that the Orthodox groups remained faithful to their candidate Rabbi Nurock until the end, accepts the verdict of the majority and highly appreciates the merits of the President-elect as a veteran pioneer, scholar and public servant of undoubted integrity. The Orthodox paper stresses that Mr. Ben-Zvie is one of the few traditional Jews among Mapai leaders.

"Al-Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that Mapam by voting for *Haver* Ben-Zvie, prevented the election of the rightist candidate as well as a dangerous constitutional crisis in consequence of a deadlock. This vote showed that there exists a workers' majority in the Knesset which could be the base of a strong Government, if Mapai did not prefer a coalition with the bourgeoisie, the paper asserts. It emphasizes that Mapam's decision was taken without any preceding negotiations and without expectations of any "reward". While still maintaining its view that Mr. Gruenbaum would have been the most suitable personality for President, the paper congratulates the President-elect, praises his achievements in the service of Labour Zionism and the building of the country and calls on Mr. Ben-Zvie to regard himself as the chosen representative of the whole working class.

"Haboker (General Zionist) expresses concern, because the second President of Israel was elected by the "shadow coalition" of Mapai with Cominform adherents. Mapam which was decried and isolated only yesterday by Mapai coerced the latter by a "sinister tactical move" into accepting it once more as an equal partner, the paper says, and warns Mapai that it will have to pay a high price for the Cominform support. Similar views are expressed by Dr. Y. Bader, M.K. in "Herut" who calls Mapam's vote a "Trojan horse".

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist), on the other hand, attacks Mapam for saving Ben-Gurion from his dilemma and voting in favour of Mr. Ben-Zvie "though his support for American war preparation as well as for lowering the standard of living of the masses is well known".

"Yediot Aharonot" (Independent evening paper) says that though there was no real doubt that Ben-Zvie would eventually, be elected Mapam did a good service to the State by saving it from a protracted deadlock.

Dr. A. Karlebach, the editor of "Maariv" (Independent evening paper) asserts that the real victor of the elections is Mr. M. Sneh, the left-wing Mapam leader, who by his clever tactical move freed himself and his party, though only temporarily, from utter isolation and, furthermore, highly embarrassed Mapai.

"Hador" (Mapai's evening paper) stresses the Zionist and educational value of Mr. Ben-Zvie's election as a "President of the working people." It says that the Mapam leaders acted under the pressure of their rank-and-file, who are deeply stirred by the Prague trial and would not have understood a vote against the only workers' candidate.

In its editorial, "Kol-Ha'am" calls for higher wages because of the recent increases in prices. "Herut" expresses concern at the "immigration crisis" and the increase of emigration. "Hakol" (Agudat Israel) says the Government should show less eagerness for the beginning of the reparations payments by Western Germany, not only for reasons of national decorum, but also because this impatience might be detrimental from a practical point of view.

Kaiser-Frazer Output Down By One-Third

HAIFA, Monday. — Some 30 workers were dismissed from the Kaiser-Frazer car assembly plant here last week, and the plant's output has fallen to four cars daily, about one third the normal rate.

The 200 men still employed are doing maintenance work and repairing cars damaged during last year's storm. There is a serious shortage of parts at the plant, but it is hoped that a shipment from the U.S. will arrive next month.

During October only one car, a luxury model for an Israel embassy abroad, was exported. About 20 cars were exported during November.

167 EMIGRATE

HAIFA, Monday. — Of the 167 persons who emigrated today in the s.s. Negbah, 56 were en route to settle in Canada. Another 24 persons are destined for North Africa, two for Germany, and one each to Austria and Ecuador.

One woman, a non-Jewess who is going to Poland, said she wanted to rejoin her family after spending 20 months in Israel.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON TUESDAY

NORDANLAND, Sw., Gen. Cargo. ELAT, Is., Gen. Cargo. S. MICHELE, Is., Cement Export. TRENTINO, Br., Gen. Cargo. GALILAH, Is., Waiting. YENI UFUK, Turk., Bones.

SHIPS EXPECTED

9.12 PEKIN. HADAR. Gen. Cargo.
10.12 MIDAS. Gen. Cargo. KANTARA. Gen. Cargo. ANGLIAN. Gen. Cargo.
11.12 KADES. Passengers. Gen. Cargo. GRIMANI. Passengers. Gen. Cargo.
13.12 F. PRINCE. Gen. Cargo.
20.12 ATLANTIC AIR. Wheat.

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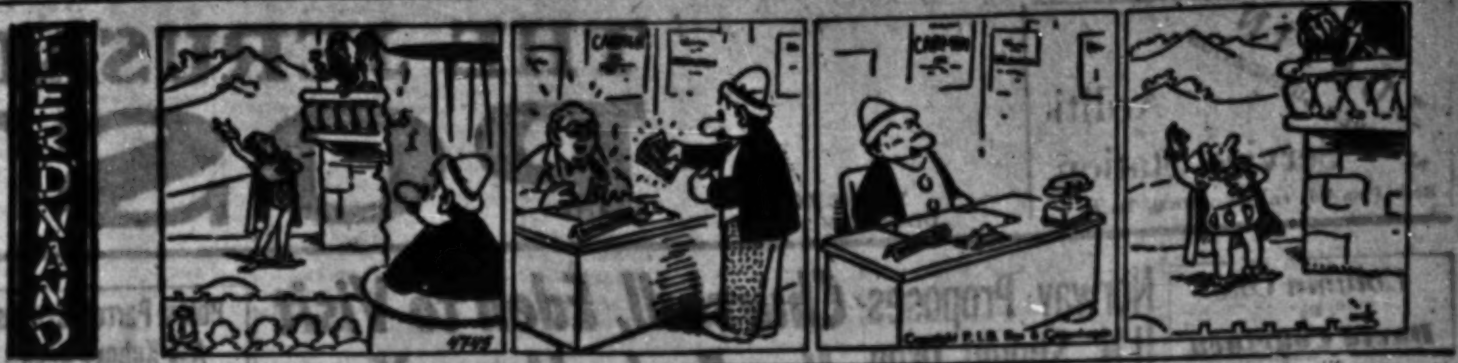

At the Cinema

"FIXED Bayonets" (Orion, J'lem) is the first Korea film we have seen. It is the story of a platoon ordered to hold a position and cover the retreat of an American division for 24 hours. The production is realistic and does not glamourise any one: "the enemy" are portrayed as fairly as the G.I.'s. "Killing is a business," one guy announces and apparently this is the other side's view too. Some of the snow scenes are very effective. The cast includes Skippy ("Tomorrow the World") Homeier.

We were even more impressed by Anatol Litvak's "Decision Before Dawn" running at the same house last week about the "Goetterdaemmerung" of the Third Reich: an American agent, having been parachuted, goes underground near Nuerenberg, and some ex-Nazi soldiers, P.O.W.'s in France, become apostates and are trained to help him. The story is filmed on location and we see half-destroyed cities, like Munich. The characters and types are authentic. Helene Thimig (Max Reinhardt's widow) appears in the part of a Red Cross nurse. Korea or Nuernberg: "It's a Battlefield".—

FRANGO

ART FILM.

"VICTOR Hugo," shown at the Bezalel Museum on the occasion of the "Victor Hugo, Dessinateur" exhibition, is representative of a new type of French educational film, produced by Ivonne Garber and Roger Leenhart. These documentaries are a kind of glorified "Magic Lantern" lectures: a sequence of filmed "stills" is accompanied by a synychronized lecture, interspersed with variegated sound effects. The stills, contemporary pictures, prints, sculptures, etc. are not really "still" but shown from a variety of angles. Thus, effects of intensity vastly superior to old-fashioned projection are obtained. The lecture changes from the spoken word to music and sound that are in this case somewhat exaggerated. Napoleon's horse is neighing, the rifles of the revolution cracking, somewhat in contradiction to the static picture on the screen.

The possibilities of such 16mm. documentaries, especially in technicolour, are unlimited. They should be most carefully studied by the public relations officers of our institutions. Results, far more valuable than many of our propaganda movies and, last but not least, far cheaper, could be achieved if we concentrated on such still-films.

Th. F. M.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Sat. at 4.15 & 9.15 p.m.

ARMON: Adonis.
EDEN: Kim.
EDISON: Tales of Hoffmann.
OR-GIL: Painting the Clouds with Sunshine.
ORION: Fixed Bayonets.
STUDIO: Cause for Alarm.
ZION: A Song to Remember.

Haifa Cinemas

ATZMON (Tel.3081): Up in Arms.

Hanukka Courses

A number of courses for teachers and graduate teachers are being organized during Hanukkah by the Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry's School Sports Section.

Two four-day intensive courses for professional teachers in basketball and volleyball are slated to start on December 14 in Tel Aviv. Those requiring to participate are asked to communicate with the P. T. Dept. at 66 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv, as soon as possible.

The following day, December 15, will see three graduation courses in gymnastics and games for teachers start in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and will last four days. Those interested, who have not sent in the form sent with an earlier circular, should return them immediately.

The P. T. Department and Israel Swimming Federation are staging a four-day swimming course from December 16-19 at the Y.M.C.A. indoor pool in the Capital for members of recognized sports organizations.

A graduation folk dancing course is being held at the Sokoloff School, Straus Street, Jerusalem every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. A new group is being organized and those interested in participating should contact Mr. Kalman Rebak at the school.

A seminary for graduation basketball and volleyball players of sports organizations and youth is planned for mid-December. Lessons will be given twice weekly for two hours in the evenings for two months. Organizations which wish to send members should apply right away.

Leslie Ames, one of the best wicketkeeper-batsmen of all time, has retired from cricket. He is an English and "Test" selector and will coach the Kent County team. Ames hit 100 centuries, including eight in test matches against Australia, South Africa, the West Indies and New Zealand. As a "keeper" and occasional bowler he dismissed 1,111 batsmen during his career which started in 1927 and finished in 1951. In 1929 he set a new wicketkeeping record with 127 dismissals.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Romema. Bus 11. Feeding time 3-5 p.m.
8.30-12.30; 3-6: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road. Entrance Free.
9-11 3-5: Exhibitions: Contemporary French Works of Art, donated by the artists and art-lovers of France, and other recent acquisitions and gifts. Victor Hugo, Designs. On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of his birth. Hanukka Lamps. From the collection of the Museum. Exhibit of the Moselle Laboratory of an Alchemist: oil painting 1650, by David Ryckaert III 1612-1661. New acquisition of the National Museum. Bezalel.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition: UNESCO: Human Rights. Artists' House.
9-3: Archaeological Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.
11.30-12.30 Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-4: National Exhibition, over 200 painters from all over the country participating. Museum.
9-1, 4-7: Jacob Pins, Woodcuts and Drawings. Ben Baruch Art Shop, 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.
9 p.m.: "Awake and Sing." Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

9 p.m. "Pick-Up Girl." Chamber Theatre, Armon Hall.
10-1, 4-6: Collective Exhibition of Paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by Eisenscher, Ephraim-Markus, Aschheim, Schwartz. Municipal Museum, Town Hall.
4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Cohn-Bialla. Artists' House, 12 Rehov UNO (opp. Carmelia Court).

RAMAT GAN

8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo, Wonderful Revue "It Will be Good." Rama Hall.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 2[illegible] M.; TEL AVIV: 43.8, 33.3 & 522 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.59 a.m., 12.30, 1.30, 4.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.45 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: A [illegible] Overture (Gilbert); "Timon of Athens" (Diamond); Concerto for Violin & Orchestra ([illegible]); Symphony on Marching Tunes (Gould). 1.45 Break for Music. 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety. 4.30 Tea Time Music. 5.00 Vocal Recital: [illegible] (R). 5.30 Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.02 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Concert: Request Programme. 7.50 Memorial Programme for President Weizmann. 9.30 Bible Reading. 9.45 Memorial Programme for President Weizmann. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

(ed. 225, 216 & 43.9 M.)

English News 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. "Music of Our Time" (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.30 Science Studio. 5.50 Music (R). 6.00 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 Close Down.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "On Behalf of Israel." 11.45 Close.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Vocal Recital: Aviva Gali. 7.00 Concerto Grosso No. 4 (Handel); Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 (Bach). 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Tomorrow's "Bamahaneh." 7.40 Intermezzo. 7.50 Memorial Programme for President Weizmann. 8.24 Interlude. 8.30 News. 8.45 Memorial Programme for President Weizmann. 11.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 8-8.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): World of Science & Medicine.

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	*A	B	C	D
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Tiberias	67	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Haifa Airport	73	18	25	21
Nathanya	65	17	26	22
Tel Aviv Port	48	15	24	22
Hebron	—	12	20	[illegible]
Lydda Airport	77	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jerusalem	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beersheba	17	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elath	75	16	29	27

Forecast: Very abundant cloudiness and cooler. Light showers possible in the North.

*(A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

YEHUDIT COHEN, 19 of the Katamon quarter in Jerusalem, was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday for failing to report for Army service.

UNKNOWN unidentified thieves stole 36 lavatory doors from the Holon ma'bara during the past two weeks. **FOUR GOATS** were stolen from the yard of Avraham Blumenfeld in Kfar Salame on Monday.

LEA BARKAN, the homeless teacher who dumped her household effects in front of the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv on Monday after being evicted from her room has still not found a new home. After spending the whole of Tuesday outside the synagogue, she paid a man to look after her belongings and went to a hotel for the night.

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INVESTIGATIONS into the incident outside the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv on Monday night when an attempt was made to set fire to a Legation car continued on a high level yesterday. No arrests have so far been reported.

Toys Sent From New York, Tokyo

The Jerusalem Post-Sa'ad Toy Fund took on an international aspect yesterday when a cable arrived from Mr. "Rusty" Jarcho, of Materials for Israel in New York, that 1,000 pounds of toys were on board the S.S. Elath, now in Haifa Port, and when a Scandinavian Airlines plane brought a parcel of mechanical toys from Eisenberg & Co. of Tokyo, Japan.

A steady stream of children and adults flowed into all collection centres of the Fund yesterday. The record for this year of IL.764.829 on any one day was contributed, bringing the total to IL.3,863.770.

Distribution starts tomorrow morning when a fleet of Government Transport cars will take the toys and sweets to 100 places throughout the country.

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15.— In memory of Bella Liebenson.

14.50 Staff of Scientific Council, Jerusalem.

10.— "Friday Players," Haifa; From Denise, Ian, Heather, Gay Spiro, Johannesburg; Anonymous.

5.— Edna & Sonia as a present to Leora Lewin's first birthday; Erna Kahn, Anonymous, Amos Cohen, I. Reinhold, all from Tel Aviv; Bess Horwitz, Boston; H.M.K. Hirsson, In memory of Dr. Herman Radberg, Uri & Yehudit, Zafira & Hillel Halkin, all from Jerusalem.

4.500— Anonymous, Jerusalem;

4.— Anonymous, Tel Aviv;

3.— Shaul Sefer, Anonymous, Steiner, Judith & Stephen Ayers (Calcutta), In memory of Peter, Tel Aviv; Tallila Goldberg (1 month), Haifa; Anonymous; Michael, Gavriel & Ariel, Jerusalem;

2.500— J. Locker, Tel Aviv;

2.— Tamara Bonell, Johannesburg, on the occasion of her 2nd birthday from her Jerusalem Granny; Yoseph Weilsthal, Dr. Zommer, Alina & Micky Braun, Yaffa Rosen, H.N., Shlomit Grushkop, Children of Yonathan Bokstein, all from Jerusalem; Rina Perlis, Anonymous, Prima Leah, Anonymous, M.M.R., all from Tel Aviv; Mr. & Mrs. Aronovsky, Issay Aronovsky, Mr. Kleiner, Siegfried Silber, Gadi Lippman (4 months), Ilan Vexler (1 year), all from Haifa;

1.500— Anonymous, Jerusalem.

1.— Reis Boys, Lorium Club, Mr. Cohen, Dan Herts, C.P.D., Moshe Anonymous 5 contributors, all from Jerusalem; Margot Schwarz, A. & B.E., Salman Hillman, Shaul Lev, Dorit Zehngebot, Haya Paritzky, Anonymous (2 contributors) all from Tel Aviv; Weinsaft, Ray Bernstein, Benny Stein, Ariel Ofer, "Sabba," all from Haifa; M. Nath, Z.H.L.

Knesset Passes Law Permitting Registration of Apartments

A measure permitting the registration of individual flats was adopted in the Knesset yesterday. Hitherto only buildings could be registered. The new law will enable persons owning apartments in cooperative buildings to sell them or seek mortgages. The law also lays down the obligations and privileges of apartment owners and includes a model contract.

The House then heard the first readings of a series of emergency regulations extending until June 30 the measures permitting the Minister of Interior to requisition hotel rooms for tourists; and those forming the legal basis for the control of trading in gold.

Other regulations would extend until June 30 the Army Code, the emergency regulation stiffening penalties for road contraventions by military personnel, and until December 31, 1953, the regulations permitting the military authorities to mobilise and register equipment; extend until December 31, 1953, the regulations which are the legal basis for military rule in border security areas; extend for six months the regulations permitting work in enterprises beyond the scope of the? Hours-a-Week Law in cases when it is necessary to stagger work due to electricity shortages; extend for six months the regulations permitting the Government to collect surtaxes accruing to the Government arising from the monetary reforms of last February

In the evening session, the House heard the first reading on an amendment to the Rabies Law permitting Veterinary officers to destroy all dogs more than six weeks old which had not been inoculated against rabies. The law at present only permits the destruction of dogs suspected of being infected.

An amendment to the Copyright Law adapting it to the requirements of the Berne Convention covering literary and artistic works, which Israel signed on December 14, 1949, also had its first reading. An amendment to the Survey Ordinance, passed its first reading, broadening the authority of the Government to regulate surveys.

FOUR KIBBUTZ CHILDREN DROWNED IN POOL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The funeral took place here this morning of four two-year old children of the Maoz Haim settlement in the Beisan valley, who drowned in the settlement's swimming pool yesterday. The children are Assaf Slotzki, Dorit Heran, Tzila Tambor, and Shisaf Kaduri.

Out walking with a group and a nurse on the settlement's grounds yesterday morning, they apparently strayed away. An hour later a boy who passed the large swimming pool just outside the settlement found the four bodies floating on the water.

Detained for Murder

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Ahmed Makhmud Dehani was ordered detained for 15 days by the Magistrate's Court here today and charged with the premeditated murder of his sister. He was arrested yesterday.

In Court, he said he had found his sister in a locked room with a man last June. He took her for a walk on the Carmel where she confessed "everything was true." He then strangled her with her hair and buried her.

Year for Murder Try

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — Two Beduin, Ibrahim and Mohammed Keheilly, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment each by the District Court today. They tried to kill a relative, Ihsein Keheilly, in October, 1951.

'Better Business Bureau' Aims At Raising Haifa's Standards

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A "Better Business Bureau" (B.B.B.) aimed at raising the standards of business behaviour was launched here last night. The Bureau is sponsored by the Rotary Club through the initiative of one of its members, Mr. David Freeman, Foreign Exchange Controller in the Northern Area.

Haifa businessmen, executives, bankers and members of the Bench and Bar heard Mr. Fred Monosson, of Boston, explain how the B.B.B. serves the public in the U.S. The Bureau, a non-profit organization formed by manufacturers, bankers and other businessmen, is designed to protect consumers against unfair practices in every walk of business life. They want to expose extravagant and misleading advertising claims, dishonest competition, and in general, make sure that the buyers' confidence is not abused.

Mr. Abba Khoushy, who welcomed Mr. Monosson to Haifa, greeted the new project as a step that paralleled his own efforts to smooth public life by promoting courtesy and good manners. School children would be taught the value of courtesy.

His search for textbooks led him back to the Bible and the Talmud which contained all that could be learned on the subject.

The local address of the B.B.B. in Haifa is the Chamber of Commerce. A public Committee will soon announce a specific programme.

Personal Notices

Rudi Gottlieb
Tel Aviv

Mrs. Margot Bacharach
(nee SPATZ) Tel Aviv

MARRIED

Tel Aviv, December 8, 1952.

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SON AND BROTHER

Pilot Officer BRAHAM RAISES R.A.F.

Reported missing, El Alamein, on December 10, 1942.

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Philips Factory Definitely Closing

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — The Netherlands management of the Philips works are not expected to reconsider their decision to close down their electric bulb factory in Nathanya in the near future, Mr. Harold Goldenberg, director of the Government Investment Centre, said here today. He returned by Air France from a four-month visit to the U.S. and Europe in connection with the work of the Centre.

Answering a question on the reasons for closing the Philips electric bulb plant in Nathanya, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Commerce and Industry, acknowledged in the Knesset yesterday that there had been a lag in foreign currency appropriations to the factory and full production could not be maintained.

He said there had also been disagreement between the company and the Foreign Ministry on the interpretation of a clause in the Israel-Holland trade agreement.

He told the questioner, Dr. Hannan Rubin (Mapam) that stocks of lamps of most sizes were sufficient for several months. Steps were being taken to assure that closing the factory should not interfere with supplies.

1 Killed, 6 Hurt In Road Accidents

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Eight-year old Zadok Lulu was knocked down and killed by a truck today when he crossed the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway near Mikve Israel. The boy lived in the vicinity. The driver, Nissim Markado, of Jaffa, was detained.

Three soldiers and two civilians were injured on the Beersheba-Faluja road last night in a crash between an Army vehicle and a civilian lorry driven by Israel Partiff, who according to the police, had no driving licence. The five injured men were taken to the Hadassah Hospital in Beersheba.

In Haifa, eight-year-old Leah Bibi was seriously injured when she was run over by a hit-and-run motorcyclist in Rehov Shabetai Levy at noon today. She was taken to Rothschild Hospital.

Fined IL.5,000 For Breaking Rules

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — A IL.5,000 fine was imposed on Avraham and Yosef Caramo & Co., importers of foodstuffs and victuals, by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court today for contravention of control ordinances and selling goods without a licence.

Avraham and Yitshak Tabouch, who worked in partnership with the accused, were fined IL.400 each.

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Middle Class Village Founded in Corridor

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The founding yesterday of the cooperative village of Kisalon, in the Judean Hills, marked the start of a plan to provide middle-class settlers with permanent homes by the time they move to the site.

Sponsored by the Independent Agricultural Council, which is supported by the Progressive Party, the village will eventually house about 80 families. Twenty-three families of more than 100 persons, mostly from Rumania, moved into their new homes yesterday, and another 17 families are expected during the next 10 days.

The residents, who had been living in the Hartuv and Talpiot ma'barot, found two and three-room cement block houses mounted on posts to prevent flooding during the rainy season. It is planned that the settlers first earn their living in afforestation projects of the Jewish National Fund. They will also prepare their individual plots for future planting. Each family will eventually have a poultry run and a number of dunams planted with fruit trees.

Mr. Moshe Kol greeted the settlers on behalf of the Jewish Agency Executive, and was joined by Mr. A. Ben Shemesh of the J.N.F. and representatives of various marketing organizations and the Agricultural Council.

Agency to Pool Farm Equipment

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Jewish Agency's Settlement Department has decided to concentrate all agricultural machinery in several centres throughout the country. This system has been found to be most economical. The centres will include a garage and a permanent staff of mechanics and agricultural experts who will determine which new immigrant settlement is to get a tractor or a combine, and when.

STRIKERS.—The Egyptian cabinet has decided that workers in private enterprises will be forbidden to strike. Offenders will be tried by military courts.

First Interview with President

By MOSHE TAVOR,
'Davar' Correspondent

"When the sun had set on Herzl, the great dreamer of the State of Israel, the sun rose on Weizmann, the man of vision," said Yitzhak Ben-Zvie to a "Davar" correspondent after Monday's election; "but it is seventy-fold harder," he added, "to take on their succession."

"Our first 'Five-Year-Plan,' the period of foundation is coming to a close, President Ben-Zvie continued. The Yishuv has doubled, the number of settlements has doubled — this whole period is bound up with the name of the first President. What is to be the next period, the next five years? The order of the day must be: Redouble!

"At the end of Weizmann's life, the Yishuv had grown from 700,000 to 1,400,000. My hope and my prayer is that this number and the settlements, our agriculture and our production — that they all will be doubled again. In the words of Isaiah, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

Dwelling on this idea, Mr. Ben-Zvie pointed out that there remains a large human reservoir in the countries of East and West, where the gates are still open; there many Jews are living, some of them poor, others with means and initiative — to them all without distinction, applies the "Law of Return" which our Knesset has proclaimed.

Immigration, the President remarked, is of course closely relate to security. One of our gravest concerns must be the defence of the Yishuv and of all that it has created. "In the service of this cause, our best sons and daughters have given their life in the War of Liberation, and their blessed memory will be with us until our last breath."

Turning to a subject always in the centre of his interests and studies, the President expressed the view that the immigrants from the countries of the Middle East, the "Galut Ishmael," can only achieve full equality if their cultural and economic standard of life is improved. Education, Army, Histadrut — these are, in his opinion, decisive forces in the full incorporation of these immigrants into the life of the nation. In the same degree, this principle of equality applies to the minorities in our midst, the President added.

All this can only be reached, Mr. Ben-Zvie said emphatically, if the entire House of Israel and especially in the Western Hemisphere joins hands with us not only materially and intellectually, but in their own persons. World Jewry must assist us with its skill and experience, but also with sacrifices, for our future and theirs are linked together.

"We need peace as much as we need air to breathe," he said though he did not think that a succession of petitions would avail. Peaceful development of Israel, he stressed, would be an important contribution towards world peace. But Jews, who pray three times daily for peace, are not in need of a special stimulus in this direction. Jerusalem itself is a symbol of peace and, at the same time, a symbol of the State of Israel. It has never ceased to be Israel's capital and was always, as the poet Yehuda Halevi termed it, "the heart of the nation."

The President referred to Nehemiah's efforts to restore Jerusalem after the return from the exile in Babylon as a striking parallel to the present position, but he did not conceal that much remained to be done. He expressed regret at parting with his parliamentary work. The Knesset, to him, is the repository for the fate and the honour of the nation, and in spite of all party differences, it has the unparalleled task of consolidating the State and uniting its people in the great Ingathering of our time.

WOMEN DIPLOMATS

Women are to enter the Syrian diplomatic service for the first time, when the appointment of Miss Hiam Mardam, of the family of former Premier Jamil Mardam Bey, and Miss Musawieh Fadil are announced this week. According to ANA, both passed examinations for diplomatic attaches which were held in Damascus this week. They will be the first Arab women in the Middle East to hold such positions.

DIRECTOR CALLS FOR THEATRE UNITY

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "I hope that all the theatres in Israel will unite in the near future, in close cooperation between actors, and will develop what is known in other countries as healthy competition instead of mutual antagonism," Mr. Peter Frey, American stage director, told the press today. Mr. Frey who returned here from the U.S. recently upon the invitation of several theatres, said that he intended to take up permanent residence in this country.

Mr. Frey has directed for the Chamber Theatre such hits as "Of Mice and Men" and "Born Yesterday." Although his work was formerly limited to the Chamber Theatre only, he expressed his pleasure at the invitations received from Habimah, Ohel and Matate to direct some of their plays scheduled for the coming season.

Israel theatres were a "trial organization" and the sooner they broke out of this seclusion the better it would be, Mr. Frey continued. He lavished praise on the local actors, comparing them to famous American and British players.

2,400 More Jobless

Unemployment figures for the week ending November 29 jumped by 2,400 to 15,900, Haifa and district were the worst affected with 2,102; Jerusalem had 1,656 and Tel Aviv 1,089.

280,000 Cases' Citrus Exported

A total of 279,307 cases of citrus fruit has been exported since the beginning of the season, it was announced yesterday. The shipments were divided among the following countries:

England: 137,457 cases of oranges, 43,073 grapefruit; Austria: 10,500 oranges; Belgium: 7,032 grapefruit; Denmark: 5,800 grapefruit; Yugoslavia: 2,300 oranges; Norway: 13,929 grapefruit; Finland: 6,900 grapefruit; Poland: 23,254 oranges, 1,000 grapefruit; Sweden: 1,000 oranges, 2,431 grapefruit; Switzerland: 10,500 grapefruit.

All shipments were sent by way of Haifa Port.

Armed Bands Working Along Border, 'Falastin'

The presence of organized armed bands in Jordan who frequently cross the armistice lines into Israel was openly admitted by the Old City daily "Falastin" yesterday, when it reported a clash between one of these bands and the Jordan Police near the armistice lines in the Jenin area.

The police were led by villagers of Anein village, close to the border, to the track of the band after a man had been found tied to an olive tree on Monday morning. The man told the Police that he had been captured by robbers who had come from over the border where they had made off with a herd of 22 cows.

Later, the police came across the armed band and after an exchange of fire which lasted for over an hour, four armed men were captured in a cave where they had kept the cows.

Cables in Brief

MARTY.—Andre Marty is expected to hit back against the French Communist Party for dismissing him from all offices and virtually ordering his cell to expel him, informed political quarters said in Paris yesterday.

PROPELLER. — Military police threw a cordon round a house in Bakersfield, California, yesterday, which was pierced by a propeller which fell from a high-flying B-29. The plane apparently continued on its course.

ANTI POLIO.—Hundreds of thousands of American children are to be vaccinated next summer with "globuline gamma" against infantile paralysis. An appeal is to be launched for blood donations as the vaccine is extracted from blood.

WOOL.—A new South African record price for this season's wool was set up at Monday's wool sale in London when 112½ pence per pound was paid for three bales superfine warp wool.

UNPOPULAR. — Three grenades thrown at the Mayor of Palma di Montechiaro, Italy, on Monday, seriously injured him. The Mayor, Signor Domenico Arquilino, is a member of the Communist-allied Italian Socialist party.

ESPIONAGE.—Two Bulgarian citizens and one Yugoslav were found guilty of espionage for the Bulgarian intelligence and sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 13 to eight years by the Yugoslav district court of Split on Monday.

TORRENT.—Fourteen persons were killed and 19 injured when two houses collapsed in Barletta, South Italy, on Monday night after two days of torrential rains.

APARTHEID.—Four European supporters of the African passive resistance campaign were arrested in Cape Town yesterday for sitting on a bench reserved for native Africans.

EXPELLED.—Leon Nicole, former Swiss Communist leader, has been expelled from the party for "sectarianism and opportunism with regard to questions such as peace, national independence, defence of workers' living standards and the character of the party."

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950.

	£	£
Transfer from —		
Fire Account		28,531
Accident and General Account		15,116
Marine Account		15,000
Dividends and Interest —		
Gross	73,945	
Less Income Tax	32,131	41,814
		£ 100,461
Profit for the year brought down		67,174
Balance from last year's account		251,692
		£ 318,866

	£	£
Directors' Fees		1,920
Contribution to Staff Life and Provident Scheme		282
Contribution to Staff Pension Fund		5,140
Dividend on Preference Shares of Subsidiary Company held by outside Shareholders		262
Income Tax and other taxation		24,686
Loss on sale of Investments		896
Profit for year carried down		67,174
		£ 100,461
Proposed Dividend of 30 per cent., less Tax		19,688
Balance, carried to Balance Sheet —		
The Guildhall Insurance Co., Ltd.	199,423	
Subsidiary Companies	99,755	299,178
		£ 318,866

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1950.

	£	£
CAPITAL AUTHORIZED —		
500,000 Shares of £1 each	500,000	
CAPITAL ISSUED —		
249,998 Shares of £1 each on which 10s. per share paid		124,999
Two Shares of £1 each, fully paid		2
		125,001
REVENUE RESERVES —		
General	200,000	
Profit and Loss Account	299,178	499,178
PREFERENCE SHARES of a Subsidiary Company held by outside Shareholders		5,228
INSURANCE FUNDS		
Fire, Accident and General	496,713	
Marine	253,616	750,412
OTHER LIABILITIES, PROVISION and RESERVE		
Provision for Claims intimated but not paid, less reinsurance recoveries	625,632	
Deposits held on behalf of other Companies	53,401	
Amounts due to Holding and Fellow Subsidiary Companies	11,538	
Sundry Creditors	122,222	
Taxation Provision and Reserve	172,680	
Proposed Dividend, less Tax	19,688	1,006,411
		£ 2,386,340

	£	£
FREEHOLD PROPERTY within the United Kingdom, at Cost, less Depreciation		25,565
INVESTMENTS, at or under Cost —		
British Government Securities	452,992	
British Government Guaranteed Securities	325,628	
Dominion Government Securities	256,367	
Foreign Government Securities	6,518	
Debenture Stocks	194,920	
Other Securities	314,982	1,551,407
Balance of Cost of Shares in Subsidiary Companies		12,106
		1,589,080
CURRENT ASSETS —		
Deposits with other Companies	153,511	
Sundry Debtors including Balances due from Agents and other Companies	189,521	
Amount due by Subsidiary Company	8,789	
Amount due by Holding and Fellow Subsidiary Companies	6,996	
Dividends and Interest Accrued	8,044	
Cash on Deposit	10,400	
Balances at Banks and Cash in Hand	349,899	697,180
		£ 2,386,340

NOTES

1. The Investments are shown at cost or under.
2. The Current Assets and Liabilities have been converted at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the year.
3. A portion of the Investments is deposited under local laws in places out of the United Kingdom as security to holders of Policies there issued.
4. The Consolidated Accounts include those of three Subsidiaries and, in the case of two of these, accounts are made up to October 31, 1950.

Report of the Auditors

We have examined and agreed the above balance sheet and consolidated profit and loss account of the Guildhall Insurance Company, Limited with the accounts of the Company, as submitted to its Members, which have been audited by us and reported upon under date of May 10, 1951.

October 3, 1952.
5 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London, E.C.2.

(Signed) MANN, JUDD & CO.
Auditors,
Chartered Accountants.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IN ISRAEL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

(The Company does not transact Life Assurance business).

	IL.	IL.
Transferred from Fire, Accident, Marine and other Insurance Branches business	—	7,722
Interest not credited to other accounts — Gross	IL.680	
Less Israel Income Tax	68	612
		IL. 8,334

	IL.
Head Office administrative expenses	1,552
Balance being profit for the year	6,782
	IL. 8,334

We have examined the above Profit and Loss Statement with the Head Office Books of the Company in which have been incorporated the signed statements and Returns received from the Agents of the Company in Israel. The Head Office administrative expenses are calculated at 1½% of premiums after deducting local and Head Office reinsurance premiums. We report that the said Statement has been correctly compiled from the books and Returns.

October 3, 1952.
5 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London, E.C.2.

(Signed) MANN, JUDD & CO.
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PROPERTY TAX PROTESTS

THOSE days are gone for ever when the public was willing to turn a sympathetic ear to the lament of the wealthy who bewailed the fact that they could no longer live on the interest of their interest. Israel industrialists, property owners and others, still seem to be clinging to romantic dreams of the past. Their outcry over the Bill now before the Knesset proposing a levy on property, is in vast disproportion to any possible hurt that might come to them.

Crying out before they are hurt, they are trying to organise the sympathy of the public for their alleged plight and are even, if rumours are correct, planning action on a nation-wide scale as a means of protest. Such action of course, is their full and unchallengeable right. Whether they are entitled, as some of them intend, to carry their complaint to Jewish communities beyond the shores of Israel is another question. One of the pretences they make is that they would not mind paying the tax to a Government composed of people representing industrial and monied interests. They object to their taxes being entrusted to a Government controlled by representatives of the working classes. The fact is, of course, that they object to paying.

In introducing the Compulsory Property Tax Bill, the Minister of Finance made it clear that according to reliable calculations, the involuntary loan of last June fell much more harshly on the average wage earner than on the men of property, who largely escaped its provisions. At that time it was promised that this inequity would be redressed by a levy on property, and the present measure is designed to redeem that promise. In actual fact, there is a good case — which by the way will bring no relief to the aggrieved property owners — to be made out, on fiscal grounds against the proposed property tax. It may or may not net the amount the Government expects. But this is to some extent beside the point. The tax is basically unsound because it is not of the continuing type. An *ad hoc* levy, it cannot easily be repeated. Sound national finance, however, requires a tax structure which can be counted upon to bring in a regular source of income, in a fairly accurately predictable volume each year; and it requires, of course, Government expenditure to be adjusted accordingly. Income tax is such a tax par excellence. Here the snag is that this is paid almost exclusively by salaried and wage earning classes, whose income is known and who can not escape the tax because it is deducted at the source. Far too many others do escape. The Government might have been well advised to have switched the machinery which will be necessary to levy the new compulsory loan onto a genuine and intensive attempt to collect income tax from the employers, industrialists, landlords and the many skilled workers who charge what the traffic will bear, who keep no books, file no returns and who are largely evading income tax at the present time.

Another logical approach would be to tighten up the means of appropriating systematically to the State increased land and property values which have accrued as the result of the general development of the country. Such legislation was introduced in Britain in recent years. It taxed increased land values very heavily and thoroughly and took the profit out of land speculation. The ultimate effect of such measures is to make possible an ordered town and country planning and to bring the price of land required for public purposes down to an economic level. These are the directions in which fiscal policy, particularly in relation to property, should turn, on top of what the legislation might decide about the property levy. However the decision falls, talk of organised resistance to it is plain silly as well as mischievous.

THE CREED OF CHAIM WEIZMANN

Man and His Perfectibility

Following is a partial text of an address on "Judaism's Spiritual Contribution to the Strength of Man" delivered at the Herald Tribune Forum in New York by the late President on October 21, 1947.

THE question before us is whether man is a slave or a sovereign; is he the victim of circumstances, some of which he has been instrumental in creating, or is he—at least, can he become—the maker of his own destiny? What has the long history of the Jewish people to offer on this question?

On the surface it certainly looks as if the history of the Jewish people is a tragic illustration of man's helplessness. For what people has been so exposed to the play of external forces of the world as the Jews in these last 2,000 years? Yet this, I believe, is only on the surface. If we look deeper, the lesson is quite another one.

Nations, like individuals, impress themselves upon the world in two ways: by what they do and what they are. The two are, of course, interdependent, character expresses itself in action, and action reveals character. But the ultimate influence of a nation, or an individual, is measured more by the amount of character revealed than by the stir produced in human events.

Paradox of Character

Action is, of course, more spectacular than character. It makes the more obvious appeal. That is true for individuals and for nations. The drama of Napoleon's near-conquest of Europe is superficially more impressive than the quiet moral picture of the soul of Abraham Lincoln. But in the last analysis Lincoln's character, working on the New World, has produced more lasting as well as more beneficient effects than Napoleon's achievements.

We are confronted by the strange paradox that character creates more lasting values than achievement. What a man is, means more in the long run than what a man does. The same is true of nations.

Let us take a familiar example. Which of the two most famous Western nations of antiquity, Rome and Greece, has exerted the deeper influence on Western civilization? Rome did certain things, and Greece was certain things. Rome conquered the world and administered it. Greece did little conquering by comparison, but it was certain things: it was the thinking, feeling, aesthetic spirit of the ancient world. In a certain sense—and in a certain sense only — the contradistinction between Rome and Greece also marks the difference between prophet and priest in Jewish history.

To which of these is the modern world more indebted? To the conquerors and proconsuls of Rome, to the thinkers and scientists and poets of Greece, to the prophets of Israel or to its priests? I believe the question answers itself.

If Jewish history is studied for its specific content, what constant or leitmotif do we discover? It is, I believe, the history of a people obsessed by an idea; and that idea was the perfectibility of the human being—perfectibility here, on this, tiny and unhappy world of ours, not in some heaven of the future. While not denying a future existence, the Jewish philosophy concentrated itself on our particular planet. To be that which is right was its all in all.

This perfectibility as an ideal did not mean that the Jewish people considered itself perfect. On the contrary, there is no people with such a literature of self-criticisms as the Jews. The higher the aim, the lower, necessarily, the comparative achievement. But perfectibility here, and now, among ourselves has been the Jewish dream.

The persistent and obstinate monotheism of the Jews in face of all persecution has always been an accompaniment of this belief in human perfectibility. One stern God demanding the perfection of one humanity; this is almost a summary of the Jewish credo.

Now I venture to submit that if a man pursues an idea, he thereby asserts his freedom and his sovereignty. For if he is only the creature of external circumstance, he cannot pursue an idea or anything else. He is not a pursuer, he is pursued; what he is and what he thinks is dictated by external circumstance. To defy external forces, to rise above circumstance, is to proclaim the sovereignty of the human spirit.

Strength of Idea

There has never been any relationship between the physical force of the Jewish people and the influence which it has exerted on the human spirit. For the physical or political power of the Jewish people has never been of much importance. Its influence never depended on strength of any kind, political, social or financial. It depended on the strength of the idea. Therefore it was, in a double sense, a proclamation of the sovereignty of man over circumstance.

Monotheism, the supreme importance of perfectibility in this sad, sublunar world, the refusal to be bullied by superior force, the right to persist as a minority — these are the leading elements in the Jewish contribution to human progress.

It would be childish to assert that all Jews, or all groups of Jews, have been consistent contributors to this idea. From earliest times the lapses of Jews from the idea have been sternly pointed out and castigated by the teachers of the Jewish people. But fundamentally the Jewish people has fulfilled this function: the assertion of the sovereignty of the human spirit over the brutality of circumstances.

When I spoke of the Jews as the protagonists of the sovereignty of the idea, and therefore as the teachers of freedom, I was not thinking of theories and philosophies; or, rather, I was thinking of these only as they are incorporated in human form, in the lives of men and women, and in social instruments. The Jewish contribution to human values, wherever the Jew has been true to his character, has issued from "being." Among Jews, the notion of a philosopher who taught one system and lived according to another, who divorced himself from his theories, has always been unthinkable. A man was not considered a teacher merely because he was clever; if that which he said was not in keeping with the way he lived, and if the two together did not constitute an example, he could not be a teacher. For, it was argued, if he cannot teach himself, how can he teach others? If that which he is displeases God and man, how can that which he says be of any value?

Quest for Harmony

The desire to seek perfection, to overcome the physical and find harmony of being has been the affirmative note in Jewish history. Of course, it has not been a consistent note. It has been frustrated from without, it has faltered within. But the miracle is that it has not been stifled. It is still there, still capable of much good. It is to be found wherever Jewish communities live in the tradition.

Whether the affirmations of mankind will triumph over its negations, whether the creative will triumph over the destructive, one dare not, at this point in human history, prophesy too freely. But this much one can say: among those affirmations, the one that issues from the long history of the Jews is of high value. As of old, the physical quantities involved are small in comparison with the vast problems of mankind; but as of old it may be that the influences so released by Jewish life may be out of all proportion to the physical quantities.

MUSICAL DIARY

AMINADAV Aloni's piano recital at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night revealed promising technical ability. His approach to Bach's Italian Concerto was, however, purely academic and the dynamic element was missing. The young man lacks temperament and the intellectual approach needed for Brahms' variations on a theme by Handel. His touch is somewhat heavy: in the Chopin group we missed emotion; his interpretation was neither sensitive nor heroic. The Debussy pieces were treated without much sense of refinement and colour.

Musicians' Association

The opening concert of the Jerusalem Musicians' Association's new season at the home of Mrs. Sidney Seal on Saturday afternoon had a conservative programme. Arieh Abileah offered Bach's Fantasy and Fugue in A minor, followed by a fine interpretation of the magnificent Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor. Schubert's Duo for violin and piano op. 162 was played by Yehuda Cohen and Nehama Etinger. The highlight of the occasion was Rose Sander's luminous soprano: her fine voice and melting sweetness were bewitching with Marcello, Pergolesi, Grieg, Faure and the contemporary composer Ravasenga. Any opera house of international standard would be proud to have such an accomplished singer. Abner Aharon was a fine accompanist.

FRANGO

In Tel Aviv

THE I.P.O.'s "special concert" at the Ohel Shem Hall on Sunday was full of dramatic ingredients; they belonged to the essence of the works performed, and it was only the lengthy lyricism of the Dvorak violin concerto which permitted the audience half an hour's relaxation.

It was rewarding to listen to Igor Markevitch's searching elaborations of the dramatic elements in works such as Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice" and Verdi's "Il Vespri Siciliani" overture. The emphasis on the mystery and tension hidden in the adagio introduction of the Beethoven symphony was symptomatic of his rendering: the whole interpretation reflected an analytical lucidity which was fascinating and thoroughly modern in approach.

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (inspired by Goethe's poem) is a scherzo which, written in the spirit of the musical *avant-guarde* of the late 'nineties has not lost its telling qualities today. Markevitch told the story a little more pedantically than is usual thus making it even more humorous. The Verdi's overture was packed with drama.

Among these manifold driving forces Dvorak's violin concerto seemed a little formless in its structural conception. The sweet melodies were, however, excellently rendered by Ida Hendel.

Quartets

The previous night the Israel String Quartet (Lorand and Alice Fenyes, Oedoen Partos and Thelma Yellin) played a diverting and inspiring programme of chamber music, starting with Mozart's Adagio and magnificent Fugue (K. 546) and continuing with Prokofieff's op. 50 in B-minor — a poignantly written piece of charm and unveiled romanticism. The second part of the programme was dedicated to Beethoven's op. 135 in F-major which was played with moving and spiritual intensity.

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Haifa Orchestra

The second Subscription Concert of the Haifa Orchestra at the Orah Theatre on Thursday gave two singers the opportunity of appearing in the same concert. Mrs. Josefa Schocken sang two arias, Beethoven's "Ah, perfido" and Mozart's aria "E Susanna non vien" from the "Marriage of Figaro." She is a born Mozart-singer; her voice is as pure and clean as crystal and her charming expressions of sentiment and rising exaltation will be remembered for a long time.

Mr. Rudolf Schramek, a powerful dramatic tenor, found it no easy task to compete with so accomplished a singer at his first stage appearance. He sang two famous arias: Meyerbeer's "Oh, Paradiso" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma" (from "Turandot") with intelligent appreciation and joined Mrs. Schocken in the finale duet from Verdi's "Aida." Mozart's Symphony No. 27 in G major K. No. 199 was delightfully played under George Singer's baton, while the closing "Italian Symphony" by Mendelssohn was the orchestral climax of the evening. Mr. Singer, his orchestra and his soloist once more proved themselves one of our finest musical groups.

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SOVIET ADMIRALS PURGED

Submarines Get Russian Priority

By LEO HEIMAN

IN a surprise move last month, Premier Stalin sacked Admiral Kuznestov, Minister of the Navy and Chief of Soviet Naval Staff, and appointed Admiral Bassisty in his place. The firing of Admiral of the Fleet Nikolai Kuznetsov, who built up the Red Navy and forged it into a first-class fighting force, came as a climax to the purge of the Soviet Navy High Command which began early last year, the only known purge of Soviet Forces since the Tukhachevski affair in 1938.

Admiral Nikolai Kuznestov was born in 1902 of a poor peasant family in the village of Medvedevka near Vologda, in North-Central Russia. His formal education consisted of four years of grammar school, which he had to leave at the age of 12 to work. He joined the Red Navy after the Communist Revolution, at the age of 15 and proved so brilliant and gifted that by 1936 he had become a Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Red Pacific Fleet. In 1940 he was made a full Admiral and appointed People's Commissar of the Red Navy and Chief of Naval Staff, relinquishing his Pacific Fleet command to Admiral Ivan Yumashev, a former Imperial Russian Navy officer who threw in his lot with the Reds after the Revolution. Yumashev was even more brilliant than Kuznetsov, and Stalin was so impressed with his record during the two-weeks' campaign against the Japanese, that in 1945 he appointed him Minister of the Navy and Chief of Naval Staff, relegating Kuznetsov to the less important post of naval adviser to the Politburo.

Stalin Unimpressed

Admiral Ivan Yumashev was a professional naval officer and a submarine enthusiast. During his term of office he built up the Soviet submarine fleet into the largest in the world, totalling more than 300 subs in operation and about 200 under construction. Stalin, however, was not impressed with this record, and in 1950, he fired Yumashev and reinstated Kuznetsov. Yumashev was said to have been court-martialled for "insubordination and wilfully disregarding orders".

Admiral Nikolai Bassisty, the new Navy Minister and Chief of Staff, is an even younger man than Admiral Kuznetsov. He joined the Navy during the Civil War together with a group of other youngsters from the Komsomol Communist Youth Organisation. A fanatical Communist and a brilliant officer, Bassisty graduated with honours both from the Frunze Naval School and Voroshilov Naval Academy and saw action against the German Navy during World War II.

He replaced Admiral Oktiabrski as C-in-C Black Sea Fleet about a year ago and is said to have prepared the fleet for the conquest of the Turkish Straits. It is believed in the West that the Yumashev-Kuznetsov-Bassisty dispute was not political, since in that case the two former Navy Ministers would hardly have remained alive, but that it concerned questions of strategy and planning. It is known that while Yumashev favoured concentrating on submarines, and Kuznetsov advocated building up Soviet Navy's surface strength, Bassisty wishes to build up a balanced striking force consisting mainly of submarines, naval aviation and heavy cruisers armed with guided missiles.

New Line

Bassisty having won the dispute, the inescapable conclusion is that a new body of naval strategic thought is beginning to crystallize in the U.S.S.R., in which the Navy is to be assigned the most important aggressive role. According to the new Soviet naval doctrine, the main offensive effort will be carried out with torpedoes, mines and guided missiles. For delivering torpedoes and mines and medium-sized guided missiles, 800 Soviet submarines will be ready by 1955, while in order to balance such a force at least 40 battleships and heavy cruisers will be required of which the U.S.S.R. possesses only four at present.

Readers' Letters

ENGLISH IN EDUCATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Teachers of English in this country will be grateful to Lisa Loewenberg for having raised (in your issue of November 28) the problem of the teaching of English in our secondary schools.

True enough, the teaching of English in our elementary schools is far from satisfactory, and this has an adverse effect on the teaching of the subject on higher levels, but the problem goes even deeper. The number of failures in English is very high even in secondary schools which maintain preparatory classes as "feeders" to their upper departments, and in these "mekhinot" the teaching of English is well organised and generally in experienced and expert hands.

The root of the trouble lies undoubtedly in the non-selectivity of our secondary schools (the only principle of selectivity being the ability of parents to pay the steadily rising fees).

While the requirements in Hebrew subjects are not too high for pupils of merely average ability, this is not so in English. The secondary school syllabus in English presupposes a fairly high intelligence and a type of mind which may be described as academic. Seen through English eyes one might say that in our secondary schools a grammar school syllabus is imposed upon a non-selective, comprehensive secondary school. This disparity between the demands of our Department of Education and the ability of a vast proportion of our secondary school population constitutes a serious problem. Hence the large amount of futile coaching and cramming, of which Miss Loewenberg complains, and hence the high rate of examination failures.

It should not be too difficult for our Department of Education to draw up two alternative syllabuses in English for our secondary school youth. One for future university students, for pupils of high intelligence coupled with linguistic ability who can, under reasonable conditions, cope with the present syllabus, and an alternative syllabus for those who will enter civil service, the army or choose other non-academic callings.

Yours etc.,
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